OCS Oil and Gas Leasing, Exploration, and Development Process



Pre-lease

Request For Information 45-day Comment Period

Draft **Proposed Program Published NOI for PEIS**

60-Day Comment Period on **Program** 45-60-Day Scoping

Comment

Period

Proposed Program Draft PEIS Published

90-Day Comment Period on **Program** 45-90-Day Comment

Period on PEIS

Final EIS

Published

Proposed

Notice

Final Program **Final PEIS Published**

Proposed

Develop 5-Year Program (HQ Responsibility)

60-Day Period for

Congress

Final 5-Year **Program Announced**

Record of Decision

30-Day

Period

Planning for Specific Oil and Gas Lease Sale (Regional Responsibility)

Call for Information **Published**

45-Day Comment Period

Define Sale Area

Draft EIS **Published**

Environmental Consultations

45-90-Day Comment Period

CD Sent to **States**

Comment Period 60-Day Comment

Period 90-Day Review

Final Notice of Sale

Published

Sale Held

Fair Market Value Analysis

Leases Issued

Post Lease

Exploration Plan Approval (Regional Responsibility)

Exploration Plan **Submitted**

Environmental Assessment

90-Day CZM Review **Exploration** Plan Review

APD Decision Permits Granted

Exploration Drilling Starts

First **Exploration** Well (s) Completed

Delineation Well **Drilling**

Development and Production Plan Approval (Regional Responsibility)

Development & Production **Plan Submitted** Company **Submits CZM** Consistency Certification

BOEM Prepares NEPA Analysis

CZM Consistency Concurrence from State

Then Development and **Production Plan Decision** Production Well **Application**

First Oil/Gas **Production**



Five Year Program Analysis and Decision Documents Process Phases

Section 18 of OCS Lands Act	NEPA
I - Request for Information (RFI) is the first step in the mandated program preparation process.	
BOEM publishes a Federal Register notice simply requesting comments on the eight required	
balancing factors and any other specific issues from interested parties on all 26 OCS planning areas.	
No Specific Proposal is put forth.	
II – In the <u>Draft Proposed Program (DPP) Decision Document</u> information on all 26 OCS planning	Publication of Notice of
areas is presented; a draft proposal of the schedule of lease sales for the program is presented	Intent to prepare PEIS
(narrowing from 26 planning areas); BOEM is required to seek comments from Governors. In	followed by scoping
addition, BOEM solicits comments from interested parties. Once the areas are narrowed, they	comment period and public
cannot be expanded without either starting over with the entire Five-Year Program Development	meetings
Process or an act of Congress.	
III - Proposed Program (PP) is the second program proposal Decision Document and is still in draft	Publication of Draft PEIS
form. BOEM is required to submit the published PP to Congress, the Attorney General and	followed by comment period
Governors also, BOEM requests comments from all interested parties.	and public meetings
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IV - <u>Proposed Final Program (PFP)</u> is the third program proposal Decision Document; BOEM is	Final PEIS is published
required to submit this proposed leasing program to the President and Congress. BOEM provides	followed by a Record of
for summary of all comments from States (including local governments) and Federal agencies and	Decision
reasons why any recommendations from Governors, local governments or the Attorney General	
were not accepted.	